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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AFFAIRS

TO: EA - MR. RICHARD HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/ANZ - FRANK C. BENNETT, JR.

AUSTRALIA

1. INDIAN OCEAN DEVELOPMENTS. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
COUNSELOR COTTRILL CAME IN FRIDAY TO DISCUSS WITH PM'S
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MARK PALMER AND OTHERS A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN THEIR
AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW AND SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN NEGOTIATOR
MENDELEVICH. UNDER THE GUISE OF SEEKING TO FACILITATE
PROGRESS IN THE US-SOVIET TALKS ON THE IO, MENDELEVICH
CLAIMED THAT THE US COMMITMENT TO ASSIST IN PROTECTING
AUSTRALIA'S WEST COAST UNDER ANZUS IS A NEW AND BARGAINABLE
ELEMENT IN THE DISCUSSIONS. THIS IDEA WAS STOUTLY

RESISTED BY AMBASSADOR BOURICHIER. WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT WHEN WE HAVE LOOKED IT OVER CAREFULLY. COPIES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE DEPT TO EUR/SOV, S/MS, S/P, AND TO ACDA AND OASD/ISA. WE ARE CABLING THE TEXT TODAY TO CANBERRA, MOSCOW AND CINCPAC BUT BELIEVE OTHER OVERSEAS DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE RESTRICTED

IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAKS.
(SECRET/NOFORN)

2. AUSTRALIAN MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. COTTRILL CAME IN MONDAY TO LEAVE A PIECE OF PAPER REGARDING THE GOA'S DESIRE TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE CCD AND TO WELCOME US SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA. WE ARE CONSULTING ACDA/MA/IR AND LOUISE MCNUTT ABOUT THE STATE-OF-PLAY ON THIS ONE SINCE IT IS PROCEDURALLY RATHER TRICKY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. MEIER EXTRADITION CASE. WE, ALONG WITH PIA, CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH L TO INSURE THAT GOA REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION ON WHICH TO ACT TO ARREST AND EXTRADITE AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN INDICTED IN UTAH FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE ARE MET. THE ACCUSED HAS CLOSE TIES TO THE KING OF TONGA. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. OPERATION STORMFURY. A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE
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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY LAST WEEK TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF STORMFURY, NOAA'S PROGRAM OF HURRICANE SEEDING WHICH IT WISHES TO EXTEND TO AUSTRALIA. THE AUSTRALIANS PRESENTED A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. OES IS SEEKING LEGAL AND OTHER OPINIONS PRIOR TO MOVING FORWARD ON THE PROPOSAL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

NEW ZEALAND.

5. ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND.
THE GNZ HAS FOLLOWED UP ITS REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS BY NAMING A DELEGATION HEAD EQUIVALENT TO A DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND PROPOSING THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE IMF/IBRD MEETINGS HERE AT THE END OF SEPT-BEGINNING OF OCTOBER. EA/EP IS FOLLOWING UP WITH EB REGARDING DATES AND US PARTICIPATION.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. NEW CONGEN FOR AUCKLAND. WARREN SLATER, WHO WILL REPLACE ED WILLIAMS IN AUCKLAND AS CONSUL GENERAL, BEGAN HIS CONSULTATIONS TODAY. WE HAVE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU TO INTRODUCE SLATER AND ALSO WILL BE

BRINGING HIM TO THIS FRIDAY'S STAFF MEETING.

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